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### Wants PLO at Geneva

## Step-by-step peace diplomacy is over

Feb. 27 (Agencies) — Two shots fired into a ground floor window of the building of the Soviet United Nations in New York last night. Minutes later, a woman telephoned to say the shots were fired by Jewish Resistance (AJR), a branch of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

He said this was the only peace initiative left to solving the Middle East crisis because the solution, he said, "must be in the presence of the Palestinians... that is we must re-convene the Geneva Peace Conference with the participation of all parties including the Palestinians."

### PLO seeks U.N. meeting to discuss Israeli actions

BEIRUT, Feb. 27. (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today instructed its U.N. representative to seek a special Security Council meeting to discuss Israeli violations of holy places in occupied Arab territories.

The Palestine news agency Wafa said the PLO wanted a discussion of "the Zionist enemy's violations of holy places in occupied Palestine, especially Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron."

Wafa said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had also asked Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad "to take action on the Arab, international and Islamic levels with the aim of putting an end to Zionist violations of holy places."

It added a similar note was sent to the Secretary-General of the Islamic Congress, based in Saudi Arabia.

The Israelis have carried out excavations in Al Aqsa Mosque compound and allowed Jews to observe religious rites at the Ibrahimi Mosque.

## Hussein visits Damascus for talks with Assad

AMMAN, Feb. 27 (JT). — His Majesty King Hussein paid a quick visit to Damascus Friday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad. King Hussein was accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Aliya and Prime Minister Zeid Rifai.

The official Jordan News Agency, quoting an official source, said that the talks centered on future coordination between Jordan and Syria, the situation in the Arab World, future developments in the Middle East and the situation in Lebanon in relation to Syrian mediation efforts.

Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi and Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam were also present at the meeting.

## Kissinger tells Israelis their handling of peace overtures is "clumsy"

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (AFP). — American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has told Israel he considers it has handled the question of ending the state of war with its Arab neighbours in a clumsy fashion, the daily Mariv reported today.

A delegation of Israeli government legal advisers is due to fly to Washington to try to work out with the Americans what is meant by ending the state of war.

But according to Mariv, Mr Kissinger told Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador in Washington, that the publicity given to the subject in Israel had made their journey useless.

The Israeli cabinet announced last weekend that it had asked the United States to explore the possibility of talks with Egypt, Syria and Jordan aimed at achieving an end to the legal state of war with Israel in return for certain territorial concessions by the Israelis.

The Israeli press said today that the chances of success for such talks appeared to be fading. One newspaper, Haaretz, said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed in principle during his talks in Washington late last month with a U.S. suggestion of negotiations with Egypt and Syria.

It said he had consented to an Israeli withdrawal from two thirds of the Sinai Peninsula and to a substantial pullback on the Golan Heights. In an interview published today by the pro-government newspaper Davar, Mr Rabin said talks were probably only practical with Egypt, since the newly-forged alliance between Jordan and Syria meant neither of them was likely to agree to separate talks.

In a related development, former Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said in a television interview in Paris today that Israel's future must include "the option and the possibility" of having nuclear arms without outside control.

### Lebanese C.P. chief warns of further fighting

BEIRUT, Feb. 27 (AFP). — George Chaoui, Secretary-General of the Lebanese Communist Party, warned today of further fighting in Lebanon before the civil conflict is finally settled.

Speaking at a mass meeting to commemorate the death a year ago of former parliament member of parliament Marouf Saad during a demonstration, Mr. Chaoui declared that the agreement that ended nine months of fighting last month was "temporary."

He called on "patriotic forces" to be on their guard against further fighting. The Lebanese Communist Party has virtually doubled its membership within the past four years to between 2,000 and 3,000, and much of its support comes from intellectuals.

Marouf Saad was one of 18 civilians killed during clashes in Saida, southern Lebanon, between security forces and fishermen demonstrating against the granting of a fishing monopoly to a commercial firm headed by right-wing politician Camille Chamoun, now Interior Minister.

The clashes were among violent incidents that preceded the outbreak of full-scale civil warfare in April. Mr. Chaoui declared that the Lebanese right was still intent on smashing the Palestinian presence in the country.

### Polisario declares republic

## Danger of war looms over W. Sahara

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Agencies). — War clouds today appeared to be gathering over the Western Sahara, the desolate but phosphate-rich territory vacated by Spain after almost 100 years of colonial rule.

It was felt in Madrid that Spain's withdrawal Thursday may have increased the danger of war — and indeed signs seen by Madrid of a gathering storm may have prompted the quick pullout.

Moroccan government sources in Rabat said today that Algeria and the Saharan independence movement it backs, the Polisario Front, had lost the diplomatic battle over the future of the territory and now had no recourse but war.

The front was reported in Algiers to be preparing for a bigger and more mobile war against the Moroccan and Mauritania forces.

The Algerian news agency Algiers to be preparing for a from Algiers tonight that the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic was proclaimed today by the guerilla Polisario Front.

The agency said the proclamation was made by Polisario Front Secretary General El Waili somewhere inside Polisario-controlled territory in the Western Sahara and that the republic's flag now flew there.

The news agency reported

that Mr. El Wail proclaimed the new republic late this afternoon by stating: "In the name — and with the aid of Al-mighty God — to respond to the will of the Arab people, to keep faith with our glorious martyrs and to consecrate our immense sacrifices, the flag of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic today flies over the soil of 'Sagwia Al-Hamra' and Wadi Dahab (Western Sahara)."

Algeria holds the United Nations legally responsible for the disputed Western Sahara and does not recognise Spain's handover of the territory to Morocco and Mauritania, informed sources said in Algiers today.

They said Algeria feels that the U.N. must deal with the Polisario Front now that Spain has withdrawn from its former colony.

The Polisario Front was the genuine representative of the Sahara people and therefore the primary party for the United Nations to deal with, the sources added.

Self-determination for the people is seen in Algiers as a prior condition to any settlement, but the sources described yesterday's meeting in El Aaiun of the Jemaa, the Western Sahara assembly, as a masquerade.

In Addis Ababa, Morocco and Mauritania threatened to

quit the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) if it recognised the Polisario Front as a liberation front.

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## Five-year plan aims to continue recent successes

AMMAN, (JT). — Jordan has successfully implemented 98 per cent of the projects envisioned in the three-year development plan that ended last year, National Planning Council President Dr Hanna Oudeh said in a Jordan Television panel show Friday night.

He said Jordan invested JD 170 million out of a target figure of JD 179, adding that this is an extremely high rate for a developing country.

Dr Oudeh said the current five-year plan aims to lay the foundation for even and balanced development in the country over the coming years, with special emphasis on industry, mining, agriculture and tourism. The new five-year plan includes planned investments totalling 765 million.

The target of the five-year plan is to raise the country's economic growth rate to an annual 12 per cent.

Dr Oudeh also said the plan aims to increase exports and simultaneously decrease reliance on imported goods and services and foreign aid.

He particularly mentioned the need for close cooperation between the public and private sectors in the country.

## Mysterious air raid kills 15 in Cambodia

BANGKOK, Feb. 27 (AFP). — Cambodia today accused the United States of sending jet aircraft on a mysterious bombing raid against the former tourist resort of Siem Reap, on Wednesday, charging that the bombers killed 15 persons and wounded more than 30 others.

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The charges were read over Phnom Penh Radio by Cambodian Information Minister Hun Nim in a broadcast monitored in Bangkok.

An American spokesman in the Thai capital promptly denied the accusations.

They were "completely ridiculous and completely false," he told Agence France Presse.

At least one the two attacks was made by a supersonic "swing wing" American F-111 fighter-bomber, according to the Khmer Information Minister. The last aircraft of this type was withdrawn from Thai bases several weeks ago and the closest F-111s are now in Korea.



ATHENS REUNION. — The two Americans who were released in Beirut this week after four months in the hands of as yet unidentified kidnapers kiss their wives at Athens airport Thursday. Charles Gallagher, 44, left, and William Dykes, 50, were abducted in Beirut on October 22, and their wives were evacuated to Athens shortly after that. (AP wirephoto).

## U.N. envoy heads U.N. on Palestinian rights

GENEVA, Feb. 27 (Agencies). — The committee by its critics, but the most effective rebuff would be to "come up with something positive to get the Palestine question out of its present deadlock."

The committee will meet informally tomorrow to discuss its methods of work and the election of other officers, as well as proposals for participation by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

It comprises representatives of: Afghanistan, Cuba, Cyprus, East Germany, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

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## The dotted line

There have been signs during the past several months that something significant will shortly take place in the search for a Middle East peace agreement. The most important but least obvious link in the chain of events is the fundamental decision by Washington to involve the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation in a key manner within any movement towards peace. Neither Ronald Nessen nor Henry Kissinger will come out and announce this, of course, but the thrust of American Middle East policy since the fall 1975 Sinai disengagement accord was signed has been towards working the PLO into the mainstream of Middle East negotiations.

The obstacle has been to get Israel to accept what America has known all along the Israelis would have to accept in the end. The Saunders statement last fall was a trial balloon only in its timing, not in its substantive American commitment to finding a solution to the Palestinian question as the heart of the Middle East dispute. The idea today is for the Israelis themselves to come forth now with their own version of the Saunders statement.

Obviously, for reasons of psychology, saving face and national structural dictates, the Israelis cannot and will not come out and say they will make peace with the Palestinians, and thereby make that one large step towards the real peace that everybody seeks.

So, they themselves have been involved in a process of delaying and shifting the onus of truth onto others. All their talk about not attending the Security Council debate in January and their many statements about the importance of the Geneva Conference (without PLO participation, they insist) is part of the delaying tactics. They know that if they sit in a forum with the PLO and look into the eyes of a PLO representative, their entire national structure in Palestine will come crashing down in a steaming heap of guilt, confession and recognition of sin. So, they avoid the PLO.

In the meantime, they talk circles around themselves and come forth with a series of proposals and suggestions about where we should go from here in finding a Middle East peace programme. Now the latest stunt is to "authorise" the United States to probe the next peace moves in the area, which the U.S. is doing.

The Americans will effectively come to the Israelis and say, look fellows, if you want \$2.2 billion a year in aid and lots of new weapons, you'll have to sign on the dotted line. The dotted line will contain the essential provisions of the Saunders statement, but worded in such a way that Israel will feel it is making peace with an amorphous mass of Arab people, which is fine for Israel, the Arab states, the Palestinians and the Americans.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

[Editor's note: As of today, the Arab Press Commentary will include excerpts from Cairo's 'Al Ahram' and Beirut's 'Al Nahar' newspapers when these are deemed to be of interest to our readers.]

"No doubt, what Dr Guyer heard during his lightning visit to Israel was quite sufficient for him to get an idea of the real Zionist attitude towards the United Nations peace effort," Ad Dustour said. The U.N. envoy must have also seen the Israeli designs to Judaize the occupied territories, by force, and to enslave the Palestinian Arab population by throwing part of them into prison and humiliating and mistreating the rest.

If the Secretary General of the United Nations, his assistant and any other peacemakers want to avoid another military clash in the Middle East, a good start would be to prevent Israel from establishing further settlements on Arab land and persecuting the Arabs there, the paper added.

Al-Rai recalled that Dr Guyer's trip to the area was preceded by ominous warnings by Dr Walchheim of the dangers attending the deteriorating M. E. situation, which could effect world peace, particularly in view of the fact that the mandate of the UN peace keeping forces in Golan will end in May.

"In his discussions with Jordanian and other Arab leaders the U.N. envoy must have felt the Arab moral and historic appreciation for peace.

The Arabs are, however,

faced with the task of repulsing aggression, and defending their rights and their future in their own land, Al Rai asserted.

Commenting on the joint Egyptian-Saudi communique which was issued at the end of President Sadat's visit to Riyadh, Ash Shaab said that the visit has scored two points—one moral, the other material.

On the moral side Sadat won a pledge from King Khaled of complete support for Egypt's policy, as the communique stressed "the necessity of using all possible means" to achieve an Israeli withdrawal. On the material side, Saudi Arabia gave Egypt \$ 300 million in immediate aid to meet the urgent needs of the Egyptian people, the paper concluded.

In its editorial the Beirut daily An Nahar expressed dissatisfaction at the slow progress towards the formation of a new Lebanese Government that would tackle the accumulated problems and bring the present anomalous situation to normal.

"Unless a new and enlarged government is formed immediately, security will remain precarious and life paralysed as can be witnessed in Beirut itself," the newspaper warned.

It pointed out that a dangerous 'interregnum' exists now in Lebanon, as was the case during the 10 months of civil strife.



DEPARTURE. — U.N. Deputy-Secretary General, Roberto Guyer, (second from right) and U.N. Middle East Forces Commander, Ennio Silasvio (far left) are pictured at Amman airport's VIP lounge just before taking off for Damascus. They were seen off by the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Fawwaz Abu Ghanam (far right) and the head of the Foreign Ministry's Political Department, Dr. Batayneh.

## 3 scholarships established for American Moslems

AMMAN. — Three annual scholarships for North American Moslems to study Islamic law in Jordan were set up today by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khayat, the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

Dr. Khayat took the decision following a meeting with a delegate of the Executive Committee of the U.S. and Canadian Moslem Students' Federation, Mr. Izzat Jradat, currently on a brief visit to Jordan.

Two of the scholarships will be to the Shari'a Institute and the third to Jordan University's School of Sharia.

## Japanese set up Middle East research centre

TOKYO, Feb. 27, (AFP). — A "Middle East Research Society" has been set up in Japan to obtain information on Middle East affairs and promote mutual co-operation with the region.

This is a private body formed by businessmen. It is separate from government—inspiration said.

## Israeli bus set ablaze on West Bank

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27, (AFP). — An armed man today stopped a bus carrying Arab workers on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan, ordered the occupants out and set fire to the vehicle, it was announced here.

The incident was the latest in a series of attacks on vehicles carrying West Bank Arabs to and from factories inside Israel

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

● AMMAN: A foreign consultants firm is looking for suitable sites for industrial centres in Jordan, informed sources here said. The firm is also studying an industrial free zone project in Aqaba.

● AMMAN: Arab ambassadors to the U.S. decided yesterday to establish an Arab Fund for Information in Washington. The Fund is to be financed by direct participation from Arab governments the sources said.

● AMMAN. — The Joint Jordanian-Sudanese Committee, established according to a commercial agreement between the two countries, will be called to convene soon to discuss obstacles facing the implementation of the agreement and means to overcome them, informed sources said here.

● AMMAN. — Mr. Hisham Attaher, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, and Mr. Mohammad Raja Al Kosseini, Director General of the National Railroad Corporation, have been invited by the French Government to visit its installations at French ports and railway stations between March 15 and 20.

● AMMAN. — A group of Jordanian experts studying the feasibility of establishing a Jordanian industry for extracting oil from vegetable seeds will visit similar industries in Syria and Lebanon to look over the processes adopted there.

● AMMAN. — The Telecommunication Corporation is studying the possibility of increasing fees and charges levied on telephone services.

## Executive Secretary Wanted

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## Expert reveals uranium part of local mineral wealth

AMMAN. — Jordan has proven reserves of more than 2,500 million ton of phosphate, said Mr Bassam Fakhoury, former Director of Russeifa and Al Hassa phosphate mines, in an interview Friday with the Jordan News Agency.

Jordan, he added, ranks among the ten nations possessing large phosphate reserves. Two-thirds of Jordanian territory contains this mineral, in particular those lands lying east of the Hijaz Railroad, the establishment of which led to the discovery of phosphates in Jordan in 1902.

Phosphate reserves are concentrated in Russeifa, Zerqa, Al Hassa and Qatraneh regions, in which 1,000 million tons have been discovered to date.

Mr Fakhoury said the world's total quantities of phosphate suitable for extraction is estimated at 130 billion tons. Eighty per cent is found in the United States, Morocco and the Soviet Union, followed by North Vietnam and Jordan.

Jordan, he said, has extracted only 14 million tons—1.5 million tons during the fifties, 7 million tons during the sixties

and the remainder in ties.

Production is expected to double in the following years, he said.

Speaking about the by-products which are extracted from phosphate, Fakhoury said that a centage of uranium Jordanian phosphate sometimes 300 grammes per ton.

Uranium reserves are estimated at between a thousand tons, with a value of \$ 4 billion.

He advocates the use of this valuable mineral since its production only \$ 3,000 per ton, which could be the current market \$ 22,000 per ton.

Besides uranium, ouri concluded that (a soft ductile metal element used in alloys) is also found in Jordanian phosphate in a centage of 600 g ton. Vanadium is estimated at more than a million tons.



AIR ACCORD. — Alia's Chairman Ali Ghandour (left) and Iran Air Director General dami (centre) talk to J.N.A. reporter after signing a cooperation agreement between airlines on Friday.

## 43 water wells to be drilled

AMMAN. — Several potable water projects will be implemented soon by the local authorities. Twelve wells will be drilled in Irbid Governorate 15 in Balqa and Amman regions and 16 others in Kerak Governorate.

The projects are part of the Five-Year Plan and will cost J.D. 860,000.

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## War between Britain, Iceland involves more countries

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27, (AFP). — It now be sought outside Scandinavia. This is because London appeals cool to the offer of mediation by Norwegian Foreign Minister Knut Frydenlund because Norway took a position favouring Iceland before the break in diplomatic ties. Observers here believe the Icelandic Government is disappointed by the calmness with which other NATO countries faced the unprecedented break between two members of the alliance and that much stronger reactions had been expected here. This disappointment is shared by the Icelandic people, who are also upset over the apparent disinterest of Scandinavian countries. Even so, the government headed by Premier Geir Hallgrimsson is seeking ways of raising the "cod war" issue at the Nordic council meeting which opens in Copenhagen on Saturday. The general impression gathered by observers in Reykjavik is that the Icelandic people will react with growing violence in the face of this foreign indifference to their cause and that the value of continued membership by Iceland in the Atlantic alliance would soon be called into question. The feeling here was that the alliance itself might call on Iceland to pull out of NATO if NATO itself was unable to get Britain to withdraw the naval frigates guarding British trawlers inside the disputed fishing zone. Access to three NATO radar stations has meanwhile been barred by Icelandic fishermen and trawler-owners and the road has been barred to a radio station. The demonstrators have vowed to block access to the radar stations at Rockville, near the United States air base at Keflavik, at Hafnar and on the south coast of the Island until British warships withdraw.



TIME OFF. — Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, second from right, is shown at Club 21 in New York Thursday where a luncheon was given. From left are U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Princess Ashraf Pahlavi of Iran, Mr. Bhutto, and Marion Javits the wife of Senator Jacob Javits of New York. (AP wirephoto).

## SLA threatens leading protagonists in Patricia Hearst trial

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27, (AFP). — Death threats were made yesterday on the lives of the leading protagonists in the trial of press heiress Patricia Hearst, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said. The threats were made against federal judge Oliver Carter, Defence Counsel F. Lee Bailey, Prosecutor James Browning and two witnesses who have given particularly strong evidence against Miss Hearst. The threats were contained in a statement signed by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA)—an anarchist group whose members kidnapped Miss Hearst in 1974—and sent to the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper. The FBI said the message had been posted in Pennsylvania, not far from where 22-year-old Miss Hearst went into hiding after taking part in a hold-up on the Hibernia Bank here for which she is on trial. The message said: "this so-called trial is nothing more than an act, a sexist plot engineered by the corporate State against the people." "Carter, Bailey, Browning, Matthews and Sheppard have sealed their fate. The Symbionese Liberation Army will not be mocked. All those mentioned above shall die." The message referred to last December's explosion at New York's La Guardia airport in which eleven people were killed and 75 injured, saying: "look to New York, the explosion and carnage are an important lesson. Our comrades shall be revenged and liberated."

The FBI pointed out that the last message received from the SLA was on June 8, 1974—four months after Miss Hearst's kidnapping. As far as was known the SLA had only nine members, the FBI went on. These were: William and Emily Harris, awaiting trial in Los Angeles, Miss Hearst, and six others who died in a shoot-out with police in Los Angeles in May, 1974, the FBI said. The court today heard psychiatrist Martin Orne testify that he was convinced that Miss Hearst adopted the SLA cause through fear. He referred to what he described as her "patchy amnesia" on certain questions. She had been a prisoner of war in the same way as U.S. soldiers in Vietnam and Korea, he said. Miss Hearst in arguing that she was forced to take part in the Bank hold-up by her SLA kidnappers.

Retired General Mahmoud Naimirad, Director of a Development Project in central Teheran, and two others were said to have milked half a million dollars in illegal commissions. The official in charge of buying land, Hajar Badr, who has disappeared, and a construction engineer, Mousa Zadeh, allegedly forced people whose land did not come within the project's scope into selling. The announcement came 48 hours after the former Commander of the Iranian Navy, ex-Admiral Ramzi Abbas Attai, and his Deputy, ex-Admiral Hassan Rafel, were given five-year jail terms for accepting massive kickbacks from a contract reportedly to build a naval base on the Gulf. Eleven other navy officers and civilians received lesser sentences in the 17-million dollar fraud, the first on such a scale in the Shah's attempts to wipe out corruption.

## Corruption scandals exposed in Teheran

TEHERAN, Feb. 27, (AFP). — Three high-ranking Teheran City Officials have been charged, two of them with uttering threats, in connection with a 3.5 million-dollar graft scandal in urban development, it was announced here today.

The Imperial Inspector, who has been investigating the urban development scandal for several months, said several other people were suspected of complicity and that the total graft was believed to be three and a half million dollars. The project involved clearing several hundred acres to build a new housing area for 50,000 people.

As far as was known the SLA had only nine members, the FBI went on. These were: William and Emily Harris, awaiting trial in Los Angeles, Miss Hearst, and six others who died in a shoot-out with police in Los Angeles in May, 1974, the FBI said. The court today heard psychiatrist Martin Orne testify that he was convinced that Miss Hearst adopted the SLA cause through fear. He referred to what he described as her "patchy amnesia" on certain questions. She had been a prisoner of war in the same way as U.S. soldiers in Vietnam and Korea, he said. Miss Hearst in arguing that she was forced to take part in the Bank hold-up by her SLA kidnappers.

## Pakistan, Canada propose south Asia nuclear ban zone

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 (AFP). — transmission line 500 kilometres (300 miles) from Tarbela. The Pakistani and Canadian Prime Ministers expressed deep concern over dissemination of nuclear weapons in a joint communique today at the end of Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's three day visit.

## MPLA, U.S. radicals meet in Cuba secretly

HAVANA, Feb. 27, (R). — A discreet meeting is taking place in Cuba between high officials of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and representatives of over 20 U.S. groups, many of them black movements, informed sources said here. Their talks are believed to cover the current situation in Angola, plans for its future, and possible support from the American groups for the MPLA. The meeting, which started yesterday and was due to end today, has so far gone unreported here, and its location was not disclosed.

Among American organisations represented are the National Union of Black Lawyers, the Coalition for a new Foreign Policy, the Anti-imperialist Coalition for the Liberation of Africa, the Third World Committee on solidarity with Angola, the sources said. The meeting was believed to be one of the largest gatherings of Americans on this island since Cuba and the United States broke relations in 1961, soon after Premier Fidel Castro came to power.

The joint communique said that updated guarantees concerning continued Canadian participation in running the nuclear reactor at Karachi were under negotiation. Canadian officials said yesterday Mr. Trudeau wanted strict guarantees from Pakistan that Canadian nuclear assistance would not lead to development of nuclear explosives as happened in India. Other points in the communique included: It was essential to find mechanisms for reducing inequalities between industrial countries and developing countries. The two leaders signed a protocol for a 50 million Canadian dollar loan to build an electric

## A classic is revived from the ruins

In May 1976, Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, will play host to an international symposium devoted to ancient art, and several sessions of the symposium will be held at a restored temple in the village of Garni. The Garni temple, 27 kilometres from Yerevan, was first mentioned by the Roman historian Tacitus. Cuneiform writing at the entrance tells us that it was erected 1,900 years ago. In the course of centuries this monument of Armenian Hellenistic culture has been destroyed and restored many times. Three centuries ago it was destroyed during the war against the Persians and the subsequent earthquake turned the ruins into scattered stones. Restoration work has been under way since 1966, headed by architect Alexander Saginayan. The temple was literally assembled from the stones which were scattered around after the quake by the painstaking labour of artist-restorers and stone-masons.

The Garni temple is surrounded by 24 columns and nine relief images of Atlantes. steps lead up to it. On both sides of the staircase there are



Architect Alexander Saginayan walks before the Garni temple, which was restored under his guidance.



This is what the ruins of the Garni temple looked like several years ago.

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## Islamic economists confident of system's role in the world

MECCA, Feb. 27 (R). — Moslem economists today ended a six-day conference here confident of Islam's ability not only to survive in today's world but also to supplant both capitalist and communist economic systems.

The conference urged all Moslem nations to provide the right atmosphere for the Moslem economic system "to bear fruit by painting all aspects of life in the pure colours of Islam."

Many speakers at this first international conference on Islamic economics stressed that the religion's principles offered the world "the alternative to both capitalism and communism at a time of international economic crisis."

The conference decided to set up a permanent secretariat to follow up its recommendations and a research centre to be set up at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia's main Red Sea port 45 miles from Mecca.

Almost 200 participants from worldwide Saudi Arabia attended the conference held at a time of growing confidence among Moslems, partly due to the increasing wealth among Mos-

lem oil-exporting nations. The conference noted that the most serious objection to Moslem economics so far had been Islam's rejection of usury, which is still banned in some Moslem countries.

Dr. Munzer Kahf, a Syrian-born economist working in the United States, argued that the interest charged for services such as current accounts and letters of credits could easily be replaced by service charges.

A commercial bank's second function, to channel funds into productive investment, could be better served under Islamic procedures, he added.

Dr. Abdullah Abu Rurbah, head of the economics department at Saudi Arabia's King Abdel-Aziz University, summed up the general feeling by saying the conference was not offering the world a developed Islamic economic theory "but we can say that we are taking the first step along that road."

## World Bank extends \$255m loans to 3 Asian states

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, (AFP). — The World Bank today announced four loans totalling \$255.5 million to India, Malaysia and Nepal.

India will receive \$200 million from the International Development Association (IDA), a World Bank affiliate, to assist its industrial development. The credit will enable some 800 medium and large-scale enterprises in selected priority industries to maintain and expand production and exports.

Malaysia will receive two loans totalling \$47.5 million to improve the infrastructure in Kuala Lumpur. A project to ease Kuala Lumpur's severe traffic congestion will be assisted by a loan of \$26 million.

The second loan (\$21.5 million) will help to finance the first stage of a 30-year master plan to extend sewage facilities throughout the federal territory of Kuala Lumpur.

In Nepal, an \$8 million credit from the IDA will finance an integrated rural development project in the districts of Numakot and Rasuwa.

The IDA loans are for 50 years, with a service charge of 0.75 per cent.

## ECONOMIC BRIEFS

LONDON. — The Cunard Shipping Company is planning to start a container service to the Middle East. It announced that Friday, to try to relieve congestion in Red Sea ports, the Cunard Arabian Middle East Line is to charter two 3,600-ton ships from April 1 to provide a monthly service from the ports of Felixstowe, England, and Rotterdam to Aqaba and Jeddah.

MANAMA. — Concorde of British Airways took off here for London Thursday with a full load of paying passengers for the first time since super-jumbo service was inaugurated on this run last Jan. 21. On all other flights since then, only half the seats were filled at the test.

TOKYO. — Three Japanese firms will construct a submarine electric cable system linking the Kuwait mainland with Bafra Island, 22 kilometres offshore, it was announced Friday. A \$6 million contract for the construction of the system

consisting of three cables each capable of transmitting 33,000 volts has been awarded to the Japanese group of Mitsui (Trading) and Co., Showa Cable Co. and Fujikura Cable Co., Mitsui said. The submarine cable is expected to help the Kuwaiti government to develop the remote island as a tourist resort after completion around 1977.

TOKYO. — The Japanese Government Friday decided to join a long-term programme of the International Energy Agency (IEA) for cooperation among industrial countries to reduce dependence upon imported oil, cabinet sources said. The decision means that Japan supports the floor price of \$7 a barrel set by the IEA for imported oil, the sources said.

BONN. — West Germany suffered a sharp drop in its balance of payments last month when the surplus on current account fell to 900 million marks (about 180 million sterling), the Federal Statistics Office here announced Friday.



CRASH SISTERS GET \$750,000. — This is a recent but undated file picture of four-year-old Melissa Kween and her three-year-old sister Lauren, both currently in Seattle, Washington. They were awarded \$750,000 damages for the loss of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Kween, in the world's worst air crash, the DC10 plane of Turkish Airlines which crashed near Paris in March 1974. (AP wirephoto).

## Gulf oil kickbacks in Japan do not violate any laws

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (AFP). — Six Japanese oil refining firms have received money in kickbacks from Gulf Oil Corp. of the U.S. but the payments do not constitute any legal violations, according to a government survey.

The Japanese oil refiners were paid a total of \$4 million as discounts in normal trade practices, unlike secret Lockheed Aircraft payoffs aimed at promoting plane sales, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said.

The payments were made in 1968-73, when oil supply was in surplus and prices were being discounted, MITI said. Gulf gave the discounts as refunds to help establish its sales channels in Japan. All the refunded money was incorporated into the refiners' accounts and thus the practice does not violate tax and related laws, MITI noted.

The Japanese firms involved were Idemitsu Kosan, Vugzen Oil, Kashima Oil, Fuji Oil, Nippon Mining and Okinawa Oil Refining.

## Greek-EEC talks before 6 months

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27 (AFP). — Negotiations for Greece to join the European Economic Community (EEC) will start in less than six months and Greece counts on joining before 1980, Greek Foreign Minister Panayotis Papaligouras said here today.

Greece will need five years after joining to adapt, but is willing to accept all rules of the European Common Market, he said at a press conference.

Earlier today, Mr. Papaligouras met with the EEC Executive Commission. They issued a joint statement announcing agreement to speed up discussions on harmonising Greek and EEC agricultural policies.

Mr. Papaligouras told reporters that Greek membership would facilitate the settlement of delicate political problems faced by Athens, including the Cyprus conflict.

## U.K. bouyed by North Sea agreements with Americans

LONDON, Feb. 27, (R). — The British Government today signed agreements with two leading American oil companies, Gulf and Continental Oil (Conoco), to acquire a majority stake in their North Sea oil interests.

The deal was the first participation agreement clinched by the Labour Government which for months has been conducting tough negotiations with reluctant international oil companies.

Gulf is one of the major oil companies known as the "seven sisters," and Conoco is counted among the top 10, so the government is congratulating itself on a breakthrough.

The two American companies hold equal stakes with the state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) in a group of commercial oil fields north-east of the Shetland Islands, among them the Thistle and Dunlin fields and part of the Statfjord field.

The deal was announced in a written statement to Parliament by Mr Harold Lever, the minister who headed government negotiations with the oil companies.

He said the agreements would give Britain control through BNOC over 51 per cent of the oil produced by the group three years after commercial production starts—expected next year.

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Mr Clifton C. Garvin, chairman of Exxon.

Mr Garvin said during a visit to London: "When the government said participation was voluntary, we took them at their word. We are not volunteering."

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## GATT report anticipates world trade rise after 1975 slump

GENEVA, Feb. 27, (R). — World trade should increase this year after the biggest drop since World War Two in 1975, a report by international economic experts said today.

The report from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said, however, that total volume still might not reach 1974 levels this year.

The volume of world trade fell by six per cent last year compared to 1974, the report said. The only previous decline in volume since the war was a one per cent drop in 1958.

Commodity output dropped by two per cent last year, also for the first time since the Second World War.

A rise in economic activity already under way in several industrial countries will continue and spread to more nations, the report predicted.

But it said demand for imports in industrial countries would rise faster than exports, causing balance of payments problems.

Developing countries will have to make further efforts to cut imports because of difficulties in borrowing foreign currencies to finance purchases, the report added.

Imports by oil-producing developing countries can be expected to grow more slowly than during the past two years, it said.

The value of world trade reached 880,000 million dollars last year, a four per cent increase over 1974, the report added.

Economic recovery began in the U.S. and Japan last year and spread to Europe, but unemployment remained at unprecedented levels.

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## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed slightly off the bottom Friday generally easier session but volume was small, dealers Government bonds closed 1/8 to 1/4 point down medium and long, having largely discounted the 1/4 reduction in the bank minimum lending rate. Shorts lost 1/16 point.

Leading industrials were lower by 1p to 5p on balance weaker earnings lost up to 8p. Oils too, were a little higher than lowest levels, while banks turned mixed. Mining shares fell by up to 75p in heavyweights, under the South West African political situation, dealers added.

Australians eased on home markets. Woolworth lost 2-1/2p on its results while Midland lost 7p after reporting profits in line with market expectations later recovered 2p.

Leading equities to record net falls of up to 5p in Reed, ICI, Fisons, Glaxo, EMI, GEC and Thorn. Hawke GKN lost 8p and 7p respectively in a weaker engineering sector. Lorrho lost all its previous day's advance and closed lower. De Beers eased 9p in a flat mining market.

The Bank of England Friday cut its minimum lending rate for the sixth time this year.

The bank clipped 0.25 per cent off the rate, bringing 9.25 per cent, in response to money market conditions.

In another move towards cheaper lending, the British Finance Houses Association reduced its base rate for M from 11 to 10 per cent.





## As British envoy departs

## Rhodesia suspends trade through Mozambique

SALISBURY, Feb. 27 (R). — Smith as well as Lord Greenhill's visit, declined to meet Greenhill left here today after him.

Efforts to find a solution are proceeding against a background of increased guerilla activity by African Nationalists.

A communique issued by the security forces today said two more guerillas were killed in the past two days, bringing reported guerilla deaths this week to 26.

It is believed here that if the British Government does continue entering the negotiations, it will seek to broaden them to include the anti-Nkomo faction, led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

Lord Greenhill, due back in London early on Saturday, said he had also conferred with businessmen during his visit.

Mr. Nkomo, who declined to make any immediate comment on his talks with the British envoy, said the visit would not affect his negotiations with the government regarding the constitutional reform next Monday.

On the other hand Rhodesia has suspended the bulk of its import and export traffic through Mozambique following the arrest of 16 Rhodesian railway officials just over the border, the ministry of transport said today.

The decision to stop using the line to Maputo, formerly Lourenco Marques, freezes Rhodesia's main sanctions-busting outlet to the sea. It normally carries 60 per cent of traffic to and from land-locked Rhodesia.

No reason was given for the reported arrests.

The incident follows the killing by Rhodesian forces of 24 African Nationalist guerillas on Tuesday inside Mozambique.

The Rhodesian Government spokesman said the halting of traffic on the Maputo line "will have the effect of restricting the mutually beneficial usage of this line."



PRINCE PIPED ABOARD. — Prince Charles is piped aboard HMS Bronington as the vessel's new captain — his first command — at the Rosyth Naval Base in Scotland. The 360-ton Ton class mine-hunter, is part of the Royal Navy's 1st Mine Countermeasures Squadron. The Prince is the first member of the Royal Family to command a Naval vessel since 1950.

## U.N. Geneva strike continue through 3rd day

GENEVA, Feb. 27. — The United Nations E headquarters building is without heat or light on the third day today because of a strike by about 2,700 services employees.

The strikers including janitors, maintenance staff about 700 upper grade staff, claim that inadequate rises in recent years have increased them about 20 per cent Swiss inflation rates.

Maintenance work off heating and electricity the rambling headquarters of the shores of Lake Lemano, forcing the Human Rights Commission a meeting on drugs or move to another centre.

The Director General U.N.'s Geneva offices, Antonio Winspear Guicci reports today that he not negotiate with the without the agreement of other U.N. agencies as the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organisation, which located in separate buildings.

His stand contradicted committee Chairwoman Schwab, who told earlier today that the administration had agreed to her demands and a formal accord was being worked out.

## Nixons in China

## If it's Friday ... this must be Yangshou

HONG KONG, Feb. 27 (AFP). — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon and his wife spent the sixth day of their week-long visit to China sailing on the Lichiang River in South China, New China News Agency reported today.

The Nixons and their party, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the National People's Congress Yao Lien-wei and other Chinese officials, sailed from Kweilin down to Yangshuo by yacht, viewing the landscape along the Lichiang river.

When the yacht docked at Yangshuo, they were greeted by senior officials of the county revolutionary committee.

In the evening, the Nixons attended a soiree which featured a programme of songs and dances, gymnastics, acrobatics, and Wushu — traditional Chinese boxing and swordsmanship.

The Nixons will leave for Canton Saturday and will return to the United States on Sunday aboard a Boeing 707 placed at their disposal by the Chinese authorities.

## Peking posters attack Teng by name for 1st time

PEKING, Feb. 27, (AFP). — Hsiao-Ping is evil minded" and "Teng Hsiao-Ping is as crafty as a fox."

The posters appeared yesterday at Peking University in Peking and observers said that the Vice Premier was also attacked by name, in language recalling the cultural revolution, in a linguistic institute in the capital.

There is every reason to believe that Mr Teng will also be named, if he has not been already named, at Thighua, the other large university in Peking which was visited Wednesday by Mr Nixon.

In Hangchow in Southern China eye witnesses have reported that attacks against Mr Teng have reached astonishing proportions.

Until proof to the contrary, however, Teng Hsiao-Ping is still a first Vice Premier, Vice President of the Party's Central Committee and Chief of the Army General Staff.

The speeches by Mr Berlinguer and Mr Dolanc followed one by Nicolae Ceausescu, Secretary General of Romanian Communist Party, who demanded the "right of each party freely to draw up its own political line to contribute creatively to the development of Marxism-Leninism."

Even Le Duan, First Secretary of the North Vietnamese Communist Workers' Party, timidly requested the possibility of adapting Marxism-Leninism to their "national conditions."

## U.S. aims to meet Japanese request on Lockheed men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AFP). — The American government hopes to comply with a Japanese government request for the names of Japanese businessmen who allegedly accepted bribes from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, but will not put pressure on Lockheed officials to testify in Japan, it was learned here today.

"The matter is entirely up to the Japanese government and the three individuals involved," a State Department spokesman said today when asked about a Japanese parliamentary decision to summon nine witnesses including three American citizens, to testify in the Lockheed scandal.

The three are A.C. Kotobian, former Vice-Chairman of Lockheed, Dag Katayama, President of the I-D Corporation, who allegedly supplied false receipts for Lockheed, and Toshiyoshi Oni, manager of the Japanese branch of Lockheed Aircraft (Asia) Ltd.

They have been summoned to testify under oath concerning alleged Lockheed payments of more than \$2 million to high Japanese officials.

## Speakers rebuff Soviet criticism of western parties at Moscow congress

MOSCOW, Feb. 27, (R). — Italian Communist Leader Enrico Berlinguer today took the Kremlin stage to deliver a robust defence of the liberal brand of Marxism now preached by many Western parties in the face of mounting Soviet criticism.

Signor Berlinguer told delegates to the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party that in his country socialism had to be built as a pluralistic society with other parties.

He spoke soon after Yugoslav Party Secretary Stane Dolanc had also told the congress—which has heard stinging attacks by Soviet officials on national deviations from orthodox Communism—that each party answered to its own working class alone.

## Kissinger calls Israelis "clumsy"

(Continued from page 1) Gen. Dayan, who is on a fund-raising visit to France, said Israel's position was dangerous, as the Arab countries had enormous political power, oil money and much outside support, including that of France.

"We are a little country, and America is no longer the policeman of the world, we must defend ourselves," he claimed.

But it was now possible for Israel to obtain "a real end to the state of belligerence," he added.

Such an agreement would have to include Syria and the Soviet Union.

Israel could no longer follow a "step-by-step" policy towards a peace settlement, Gen. Dayan said.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon left Paris today for Mexico via London after a stopover for talks yesterday with his French counterpart Jean Sauvagnargues.

He is scheduled to visit Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica on his Latin American tour.

## Danger of war in West Sahara

(Continued from page 1)

eration movement. The threat has plunged the OAU's ministerial conference into confusion.

Some delegates have labelled the Moroccan and Mauritanian threat "blackmail."

Others said that in a quick ballot Algeria would have been likely to drum up enough support from "progressive" countries to get recognition of an autonomous Sahara.

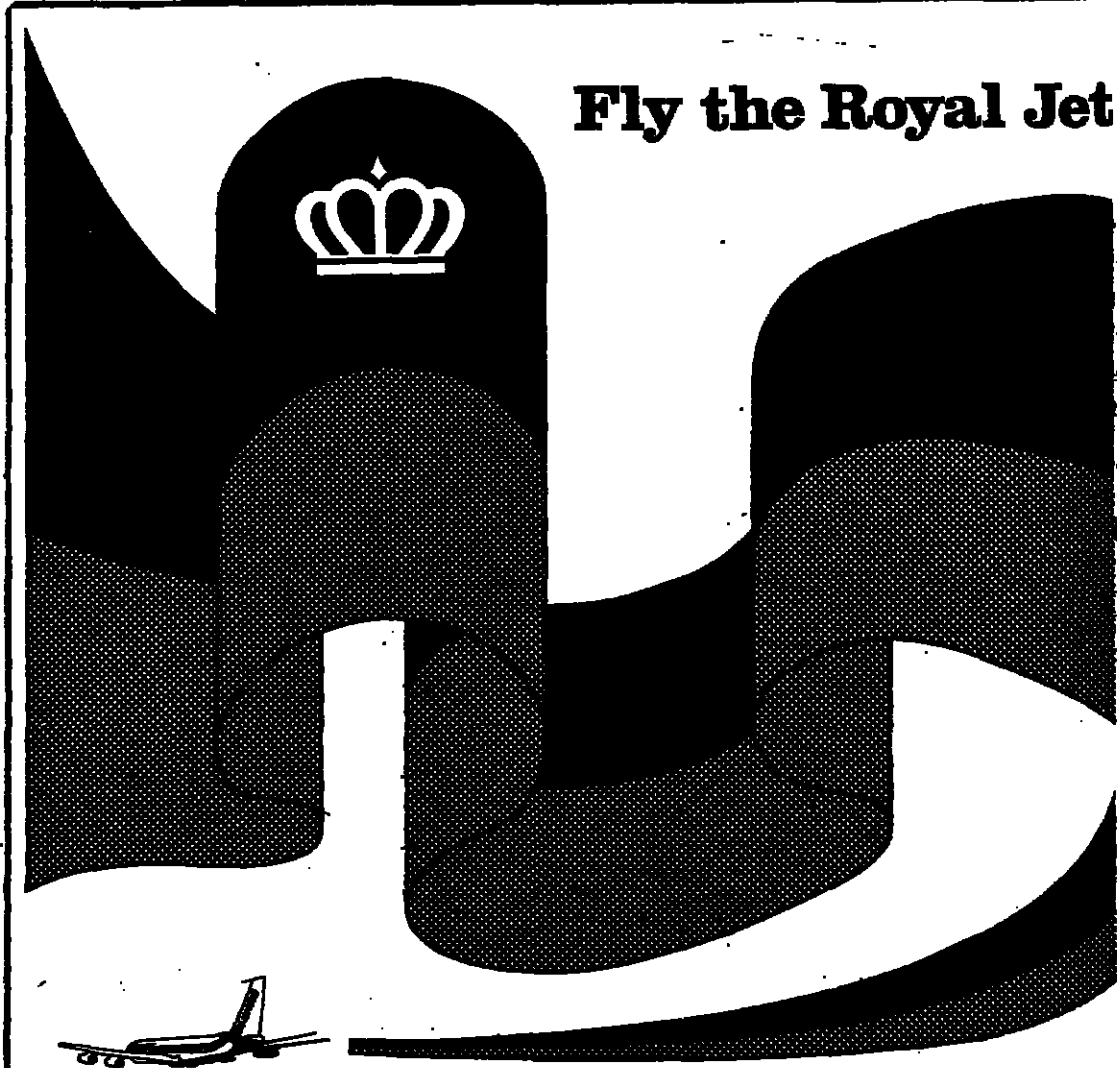
Observers here said it was to prevent such a vote that Morocco and Mauritania issued their threat to withdraw from the OAU.



TEACH YOURSELF BRAILLE. — A young blind girl in the north-west of England uses a new do-it-yourself method of learning braille for home use. The learner listens to the instructions on the tape, and then carries them out using the booklet. There is no copyright on the system and the cassettes together with the booklet can be reproduced by blind organisations throughout the world.

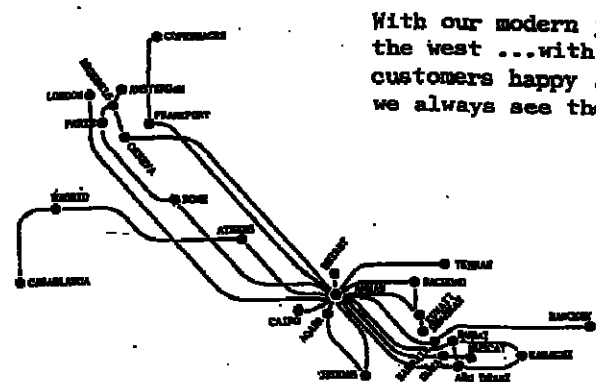
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